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Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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March 10, 2009

TO: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
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This is the first quarterly status report as directed by your Board motion, and summarizes the progress the Department of Regional Planning (Department) has made in addressing the actions outlined above.

Rural Outreach Summary

The General Plan Update Program began in 1999. General Plan staff conducted numerous outreach activities across the County to gather public feedback that provided the foundation for the goals and policies that currently comprise the Draft General Plan.

Additional outreach events were held in rural areas to specifically discuss expansions and modifications to the Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) Program.

Since the General Plan Update Program started, staff has worked diligently to address and incorporate all of the public comments that have been received. This work has included the analysis and incorporation of hundreds of written comments from across the County, including those from rural Town Councils, various stakeholders such as the Farm Bureau and the Antelope Valley Conservancy, and individual residents in the north County. The culmination of these outreach activities was the release of the Draft Preliminary General Plan in August 2007, and the Draft General Plan on July 30, 2008.

As part of the 2008 Draft General Plan outreach strategy, General Plan staff met with residents from the Antelope Valley on several occasions, including:

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In addition to these meetings, General Plan staff has initiated discussions with several Antelope Valley residents regarding the Draft General Plan and how it may affect rural character and rural lifestyles. Staff met with a member of the Acton Town Council on October 23, 2008 at the Regional Planning offices and again with this member and another member of the Acton Town Council on February 2, 2009.

In summary, General Plan staff have conducted years of outreach activities across the County and have conducted numerous additional meetings in the Antelope Valley to gather feedback for the General Plan Update. The outreach efforts aimed at residents of the Antelope Valley and other rural unincorporated areas represent the largest portion of community outreach efforts for the General Plan Update Program to date.

Primary Policy Issues

The primary policy issues that have been noted by rural residents that relate to the Draft General Plan include:

- Lack of attention to rural community needs in the Draft General Plan;
- Lack of discrete policy language in the Draft General Plan to protect rural communities from urban encroachment or other incompatible development;
- The feeling that smart growth principles are not compatible with rural lifestyles; and,
- The appropriateness of agricultural land uses within the established rural character of the Antelope Valley.

General Plan staff has worked to revise the Draft General Plan to address the issues concerning rural lifestyles in the following ways:

- **Draft General Plan Foreword:** The Draft General Plan Foreword describes the Antelope Valley as “a series of small communities that cherish their status as the last places in Los Angeles County where one can live the rural life”, and specifically calls out Acton as a representation of County rural life, where “low density development is the norm” and whose identity is defined by enforcing rural standards.
- **Draft General Plan Introduction Chapter:** The Draft General Plan Introduction Chapter outlines the top issues that County residents felt were important topics to be addressed in the General Plan. One of the top priorities in this section is to “Protect Rural Communities and Rural Lifestyles”, and to maintain the unique character and development patterns of unincorporated rural communities.
- **Draft General Plan Background Chapter:** The Draft General Plan Background Chapter provides a summary of the defining characteristics of each region of the unincorporated County. For northern Los Angeles County, the Antelope Valley region is described as an area where residents “value the rural nature of their communities”.
- **Draft General Plan Land Use Element:** The Draft General Plan Land Use Element clearly notes the uniqueness of the County’s rural communities and sets forth various policies to address rural community needs:
 - 1) **General Plan Land Use Legend:** The newly created countywide land use legend includes eight new “Rural Land” land use classifications – one Agriculture (AG) land use, and seven Rural Land (RL) land uses. The seven RL land uses range from Rural Land 1 (RL1), which allows a maximum of 1 dwelling unit per 1 acre, Rural Land 2 (RL2), which allows a maximum of 1 dwelling unit per 2 acres, and also Rural Land 5 (RL 5), Rural Land 10 (RL 10), Rural Land 20 (RL 20), Rural Land 40 (RL 40), and Rural Land 80 (RL 80).

The purpose for the RL land use categories clearly states that it “serves to maintain the character of and serve rural areas”. The Agriculture land use category identifies and establishes areas that are suitable for agricultural production, while the RL designation’s purpose is “to maintain the character of the small communities and rural areas of low-intensity uses within the unincorporated areas of the County”.

The Draft General Plan also describes the types of areas that are suitable for the RL designation as areas that are “served by a non-urban level of commercial uses and public facilities and are expected to experience the most growth pressures from urban expansion.” In addition to areas with scenic values and agricultural areas, further locational criteria for areas that are suitable for the RL land use category includes “areas with low density

development that are generally distant to urban areas” and where “single-family, large-lot residential development is the primary land use”, and areas that may have “steep hillsides, limited vehicular access, and limited to no public infrastructure or facilities”.

- 2) Smart Growth: The Draft General Plan promotes smart growth practices, in part as dictated by several laws that have been recently passed by the California State Legislature that require jurisdictions to plan for greenhouse gas reductions using smart growth land use policies, such as AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. However, the Draft General Plan has been carefully structured to ensure that the County's smart growth policies are varied in their type and location of use. As expressed in the Draft General Plan, “smart growth in unincorporated Los Angeles County calls for using different strategies that will represent the best outcomes for each individual community. For example, smart growth in the County's southern basin involves increasing residential and commercial densities along designated transit and commercial corridors, encouraging infill activity and economic investment, and protecting existing community character. For the unincorporated areas in northern Los Angeles County, smart growth involves preserving the rural nature of the region's small communities, protecting agricultural areas from non-agricultural land uses, fostering a balance between jobs and housing, and ensuring commercial services meet the needs of a growing population.” The Land Use Element additionally outlines eight County smart growth principles, two of which specifically address rural issues:
 - Protect the character of the County's rural areas and communities by discouraging sprawl-like and leapfrog development; and,
 - Preserve open spaces in a manner that contains development within existing developed areas, protects the integrity of rural community boundaries, and maintains the environmental functions of the County's sensitive ecosystems.
- 3) Goals, Policies and Implementation Actions: The following Land Use Element goals and policies were written to address the needs of residents in all of the unincorporated County's rural areas.
 - Goal LU-1: Efficient and progressive land use policies that address the diverse needs of all County residents.
 - Policy LU 1.9: Protect rural communities by utilizing natural landforms to create buffers from urban and suburban development.
 - Goal LU 3.1: Development that is compatible with surrounding neighborhood character and the natural environment.

- Policy LU 3.1: preserve the unique character of existing communities, both urban and rural.
- Policy LU 3.2: Protect the character of the County's rural communities.

Summary

Every effort is being made to collaborate and incorporate the feedback of the County's rural communities in the development of the General Plan. A revised copy of the Land Use Element was distributed to Antelope Valley residents at community meetings held on February 2, 2009 and February 18, 2009, and General Plan staff continues to refine policy language to ensure that rural communities are addressed in the Draft General Plan.

General Plan staff is also working very closely with the Countywide Studies Team, led by Mitch Glaser, to ensure that the ongoing update to the Antelope Valley Area Plan provides rural communities and the residents of the Antelope Valley with the specific policy language they need to address land use issues that are of local concern to the Antelope Valley. As a part of the General Plan, the Antelope Valley Area Plan update will be a very important component of the successful implementation of rural land use policy in the Antelope Valley.

In addition to the policy language that has been outlined in this report, ongoing collaborative efforts have led to the following outcomes:

- Laura Blank, Executive Director, and Dr. Gene Nebeker, President of the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau are reviewing the Draft General Plan.
- Jacki Ayer of the Acton Town Council provided policy language from the 1980 Adopted General Plan supportive of rural communities for comparison with the Draft General Plan, which was distributed with analysis by staff at the February 2 meeting of the Acton Town Council and the February 18 meeting with members of the Association of Rural Town Councils.
- Wayne Argo, President of the Association of Rural Town Councils organized and facilitated the February 18 meeting with Association members to discuss rural issues and the Draft General Plan with staff.
- Wayne Argo is coordinating tours of rural communities, which will occur over the next few months, to help inform staff of their unique characteristics and needs.

Staff will continue to reach out to rural residents as the Draft General Plan is revised. As instructed by your Board, future outreach efforts will clarify the unique role that rural communities have played in the development of the Draft General Plan. Also, as instructed by your Board, a presentation by staff regarding rural issues in the General Plan Update will be made to the Association of Rural Town Councils on March 26, 2009. The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered in July 2009.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
March 10, 2009
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OVERVIEW

The Draft General Plan, when adopted, will serve as the foundation countywide policy document that guides long range development. It addresses multiple and complex issues such as land use, mobility, preservation of open space, water availability, natural resource protection, hazards, infrastructure adequacy, housing, climate change, and livability that all residents face. In particular, the Draft General Plan has been prepared

and revised to ensure that it establishes the countywide framework for the protection of rural communities and supports the further clarification of rural protection in local plans such as the update of the Antelope Valley Area Plan.

RURAL OUTREACH SUMMARY

Heightened attention to rural issues has been underway for the past 18 months with outreach from General Plan staff as well as from the concerted efforts of Department staff through Town & County, the update to the Antelope Valley Area Plan. Throughout the General Plan Update process staff has conducted numerous outreach activities across the County to gather public feedback that provided the basis for the goals and policies found in the Draft General Plan. A majority of these outreach activities have been held in north Los Angeles County such as events held in rural areas to specifically discuss expansions and modifications to the Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) Program.

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- March 26, 2009 – Association of Rural Town Councils (27 attendees)
- May 28, 2009 – Association of Rural Town Councils (30 attendees)

In addition to these meetings, General Plan staff initiated discussions with several north Los Angeles County rural residents regarding the Draft General Plan and how it may affect rural character and rural lifestyles. Staff met with a member of the Acton Town Council on October 23, 2008 at the Regional Planning offices and again with this member and another member of the Acton Town Council on February 2, 2009.

Also, the Association of Rural Town Councils very graciously offered to host tours of rural communities for General Plan staff to assist them in gaining a fuller understanding of the unique issues facing these diverse communities. The tours were conducted over

eight weeks from March 16 to May 11, 2009. The following is the full list of rural tours conducted and the hosts who led them. These hosts were officials from rural town councils who took time from their busy weekday work schedules and used their personal vehicles to provide General Plan staff with insightful rural tours.

- March 16, 2009 – Littlerock, Sun Village, and Juniper Hills
(Patrick Hough, James Brooks, Vance Pomeroy, Don Pierce)
- March 30, 2009 – Lake Los Angeles and Roosevelt
(Debi Breul, Sue Riebe, Cole McCandless, Ron Ferrell, Barbara Firsick)
- April 27, 2009 – Agua Dulce and Acton
(Mary Johnson, Annette Fortuna, Jacki Ayer, Dick Morris, Jim Connelly)
- May 4, 2009 – Quartz Hill and Antelope Acres
(Doug Burgis, Pat Hartford, Vicki Nelson)
- May 11, 2009 – Leona Valley, Green Valley, Lakes, Three Points/Liebre Mountain
(Alice Benoit, Karen Bryan, Laura Verneti, Lu Bole, Jim Walker, Susan Zahnter)

On March 26, 2009 General Plan staff made a presentation to the Association of Rural Town Councils identifying the primary policy issues that rural residents have regarding the Draft General Plan as well as the characteristics of rural living that they value. Also presented were revisions to the Draft General Plan Land Use Element to address rural issues including a new rural-specific land use goal, new rural-specific policies and implementation actions.

Following the rural tours General Plan staff made a presentation to the Association of Rural Town Councils on May 28, 2009 to review what had been learned and to revisit the rural-specific revisions to the Draft General Plan Land Use Element.

RURAL POLICY ISSUES AND VALUED CHARACTERISTICS

The primary policy issues that have been noted by rural residents that relate to the Draft General Plan include:

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The rural characteristics valued by residents include:

- Living in a low density environment without high intensity land uses, such as regional commercial centers;
- A natural, peaceful, quiet setting, with the ability to find a sense of solitude;
- Views of adjacent natural areas, such as hillsides and ridgelines by day, and views of starry skies by night;
- Agricultural and equestrian uses that are sensitive to the land; and,
- An absence of infrastructure generally found in urban and suburban areas, including but not limited to curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street lighting, and traffic signals.

OUTCOMES FROM RURAL TOURS

More than a dozen rural communities and their surrounding environs were visited in north Los Angeles County. General Plan staff saw firsthand the diversity of rural communities and their unique cultures. Each community had its own special character, yet they all had similar rural concerns or values such as preference for large lots with “elbow room”; the right to use their land for agricultural and equestrian activities; natural amenities and their preservation; limited and appropriate commercial development; threat of urban encroachment; and landscape degradation by power transmission lines.

The rural tours clearly demonstrated that north Los Angeles County is comprised of a vast array of rural communities with diverse characteristics and lifestyles, but with common interests focused around a vital sense of community among residents and very strong desire to maintain the rural integrity of their communities and surroundings.

Rural residents’ strong sense of community and “look out for each other” attitude was dramatically shown during the late 2008 snowstorm that blanketed north Los Angeles County. Tale after tale was recalled about how neighbors checked on and helped each other while snowed in. Similar tales of community unity were told regarding evacuations during wildfires and opposition to unwanted land developments.

Rural residents view rural land use as dispersed, spread out with appropriate activities to support a small number of inhabitants. Viewed this way, rural residents believe that rural areas could be seen as buffers to urban development, keeping it directed toward established urban areas with appropriate infrastructure.

REVISIONS TO THE DRAFT GENERAL PLAN TO ADDRESS RURAL ISSUES

Based on these rural outreach activities, several revisions have been made to the General Plan. The input from rural residents and the outcomes from the rural tours helped to inform and guide revisions in the Draft General Plan to address rural issues. These include the Draft General Plan Land Use Legend; text in the Draft General Plan Foreword, and Introduction and Background chapters; a full page “spotlight” on rural

living and smart growth in the Land Use Element; and a rural-specific goal, policies, and implementation actions

Draft General Plan Land Use Legend

The Draft General Plan Land Use Legend is comprehensive in establishing a wide range of seven Rural Land (RL) categories with densities of 1du/1ac to 1du/80ac with the intended uses being:

- Single family homes, rural, equestrian, agricultural and other related activities, and local serving, ancillary commercial uses.

The purpose of lands designated as RL is to maintain the character of low intensity uses and ensure the compatibility of new development in the small communities and rural areas of the County. The residential densities vary and are based on site restrictions (environmental, hillside management, and sufficient services and infrastructure), compatibility with the existing development pattern, and applicable zoning requirements.

Other land use categories in the Draft General Plan Land Use Legend that focus on the uniqueness of rural lifestyles are Rural Commercial (CR) and Rural Industrial (IR). The intended uses of CR:

- Provides sites for commercial and personal services compatible with agricultural, rural and recreational activities.

The purpose of lands designated as CR is to serve areas that are sparsely populated or rural in nature. Rural Commercial uses are limited in scope and intensity and exist to meet the needs of residents in rural areas. These uses must maintain compatibility with existing rural development patterns.

The intended uses of IR:

- Provides sites for industrial uses compatible with agricultural and rural activities.

The purpose of lands designated as IR is to serve areas that are sparsely populated or rural in nature. Rural Industrial uses exist to meet the needs of residents in rural areas and are limited in scope and intensity due to such factors as lack of public services or infrastructure, in compatible adjacent land uses, or environmental impacts. These uses must maintain compatibility with existing rural development patterns.

An Agriculture (AG) land use category has also been established in the Draft General Plan Land Use Legend to allow for the identification and establishment of areas suitable for agricultural uses, agricultural production, and associated housing for permanent and temporary farmworkers. While lands designated as AG are intended only for agricultural activities, the category does not preclude appropriate agricultural activities in any of the RL designations.

Draft General Plan Foreword

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Rural Living and Smart Growth

The Draft General Plan promotes smart growth practices, in part mandated by several laws that have been recently passed by the California State Legislature that require jurisdictions to plan for greenhouse gas reductions through land use policies. The Draft General Plan has been carefully structured to ensure that the County’s land use policies are employed strategically to direct the majority of future growth away from rural areas and into suburban and urban areas with greater access to infrastructure, mass transit, and regional commercial centers.

Rural Goal, Policies and Implementation Actions

The following Land Use Element goal, policies and implementation actions were prepared for the Draft General Plan to address the needs of the County’s rural residents.

- Goal LU-6 – Preservation and enhancement of rural areas and rural communities.
- Policy LU 6.1 – Protect the character of the County’s rural areas and the way of life that distinguishes them from urban and suburban areas.
- Policy LU 6.2 – Ensure compatibility of future growth in rural areas with the existing development pattern, including prevailing density, intensity, and infrastructure service standards.

- Policy LU 6.3 – Utilize natural landforms and environmentally sensitive areas to create buffers between rural communities, or between rural areas and adjacent urban and suburban areas.
- Policy LU 6.4 – Encourage a mix of uses in rural areas, including residences, agriculture, animal keeping and equestrian uses, community services, and local-serving businesses and industries.
- Policy LU 6.5 – Promote the maintenance and expansion of local services, including but not limited to local-serving businesses and home-based businesses, libraries, and health clinics, to decrease vehicle travel and commuting and to make rural communities more self-sufficient.
- Policy M 2.3 – In rural areas, require rural highway and street standards that minimize the width of paving and the placement of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street lighting, and traffic signals, as adopted and maintained by the Department of Public Works.
- Action LU 24 – Initiate the Community-Based Planning Program, and ensure that rural development guidelines, including standards to determine compatibility, are provided in community-based plans as necessary.
- Action LU 25 – Complete Town & Country, the update to the Antelope Valley Area Plan, with goals, policies, and rural development guidelines, including standards to determine compatibility, for the Valley as a whole and for each distinct rural community.

SUMMARY

The extensive outreach to rural residents conducted by General Plan staff was greatly facilitated by the generosity of the Association of Rural Town Councils to host rural tours. These tours provided valuable insights to General Plan staff about rural issues. The hospitality of the tour hosts and their local knowledge demonstrated a genuine community spirit concerned about rural ways of life and a strong commitment to their preservation. The insights gained from the in-depth outreach with rural residents have contributed to a better understanding of rural issues in the General Plan Update and have helped to shape the Draft General Plan as a foundation policy document that will be consistent with the rural focus of the update to the Antelope Valley Area Plan.

Staff will continue to reach out to rural residents as the General Plan Update continues. As instructed by your Board, future outreach efforts will clarify the unique role that rural communities have played in the development of the Draft General Plan. The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered on September 8, 2009.

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This is the third quarterly status report as directed by your Board motion and it summarizes the progress the Department of Regional Planning (Department) has made in addressing the actions outlined above.

The Department and rural residents have developed a very good working relationship regarding rural issues the General Plan Update. Department staff tours of rural communities facilitated by the Association of Rural Town Councils have greatly informed the continuing development of the Draft General Plan. Since February 18, 2009 tours of 13 rural communities have been conducted and three presentations by Department staff to the Association of Rural Town Councils have been made.

As the Draft General Plan is further developed attention to rural issues will remain crucial because the Plan establishes the countywide framework for the protection of rural communities and supports the further clarification of rural protection in local plans such as the update of the Antelope Valley Area Plan. This attention acknowledges the County's recognition of rural areas as valuable assets and is reflected in the rural-specific land use goal in the Land Use Element of the Draft General Plan:

- Goal LU-6 – Preservation and enhancement of rural areas and rural communities.

The uniqueness and value of the diverse rural communities in Los Angeles County are further acknowledged in the following sections of the Draft General Plan:

- The Foreword describes the Antelope Valley as “a series of small communities that cherish their status as the last places in Los Angeles County where one can live the rural life”, and specifically calls out Acton as a representation of County rural life, where “low density development is the norm” and whose identity is defined by enforcing rural standards.
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Rural residents are concerned about the effects the Draft General Plan may have on the character and lifestyles of their communities when it is adopted. Particularly, rural residents view rural land use as dispersed, spread out with appropriate activities to support a small number of inhabitants. Viewed this way, rural residents believe that rural areas could be seen as buffers to urban development, keeping it directed toward established urban areas with appropriate infrastructure.

As the Department works to shape the Draft General Plan to account for recent State laws that require general plans to address climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, close attention is being paid to the strategies rural residents feel can help. The Draft General Plan is being carefully prepared to ensure that the County's land use policies are employed strategically to direct the majority of future growth away from rural areas and into suburban and urban areas with greater access to infrastructure, mass transit, and regional commercial centers.

The Draft General Plan publicly released in summer 2008 is now being comprehensively revised. What the Department has learned from its collaboration with the Association of Rural Town Councils and its outreach to rural residents will be incorporated into the revised Draft General Plan. This is very important, because when adopted, the General Plan will serve as the foundation countywide policy document that guides long range development. It will address multiple and complex issues such as land use, mobility, preservation of open space, water availability, natural resource protection, hazards, infrastructure adequacy, housing, climate change, and livability that all residents face. Therefore, keeping rural issues at the forefront in the development this complex policy document will ensure that the uniqueness and role of rural communities in Los Angeles County is not overlooked.

Staff will continue to reach out to rural residents and work with the dedicated and informed representatives of the Association of Rural Town Councils as the General Plan Update continues. As instructed by your Board, future outreach efforts will clarify the unique role that rural communities have in the Draft General Plan. The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered on December 8, 2009.

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This is the fourth quarterly status report as directed by your Board motion and it summarizes the progress the Department of Regional Planning has made in addressing the actions outlined above.

The Draft General Plan publicly released in 2008 is now being comprehensively revised to account for recent State laws that require general plans to address climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The revised Draft General Plan will ensure that the County's land use policies are employed strategically to direct the majority of future growth away from rural areas and into suburban and urban areas with greater access to infrastructure, transit, and regional commercial centers. Keeping rural

issues at the forefront in the revision of this complex policy document will ensure that the uniqueness and role of rural communities in Los Angeles County is not overlooked.

The Department of Regional Planning is incorporating into the revised Draft General Plan what it has learned from its collaboration with the Association of Rural Town Councils and its outreach to rural residents. When adopted, the General Plan will serve as the foundation countywide policy document that guides long range development. It will address multiple and complex issues such as land use, mobility, preservation of open space, water availability, natural resource protection, hazards, infrastructure adequacy, housing, and climate change that all residents face. The General Plan will establish the framework for the protection of rural communities and support the further clarification of rural protection in local plans such as the update of the Antelope Valley Area Plan.

Staff will continue to reach out to rural residents and work with the dedicated and informed representatives of the Association of Rural Town Councils as the Draft General Plan is being revised. As instructed by your Board, future outreach efforts will clarify the unique role that rural communities have in the update of the Los Angeles County General Plan. The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered on March 9, 2010.

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Richard J. Bruckner
Director

March 09, 2010

TO: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: 
Richard J. Bruckner
Director

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This is the fifth quarterly status report as directed by your Board motion and it summarizes the progress the Department of Regional Planning has made in addressing the actions outlined above. The Department of Regional Planning has worked closely with rural stakeholders to establish rural goals and policies for the Draft General Plan and has made presentations about these to the Association of Rural Town Councils. Details on outreach, rural goals and policies, and presentations have been reported in previous quarterly status reports.

The Draft General Plan is now being comprehensively revised and the Department of Regional Planning is incorporating into it what was learned from the 2009 collaboration with the Association of Rural Town Councils and the outreach to rural residents. When

adopted, the General Plan will establish the framework for the protection of rural communities and support the further clarification of rural protection in local plans such as the update of the Antelope Valley Area Plan.

The revised Draft General Plan will ensure that the County's land use policies are employed strategically to direct the majority of future growth away from rural areas and into suburban and urban areas with greater access to infrastructure, transit, and regional commercial centers. Keeping rural issues at the forefront in the revision of this complex policy document will make certain that the uniqueness and role of rural communities in Los Angeles County is not overlooked.

Staff will continue to reach out to rural residents and work with the dedicated and informed representatives of the Association of Rural Town Councils as the Draft General Plan is being revised. As instructed by your Board, future outreach efforts will clarify the unique role that rural communities have in the update of the Los Angeles County General Plan. The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered on June 8, 2010.

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June 08, 2010

TO: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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FROM: Richard J. Bruckner
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This is the sixth quarterly status report as directed by your Board motion and it summarizes the progress the Department of Regional Planning has made in addressing the actions outlined above. The Draft General Plan is now being comprehensively revised and the Department of Regional Planning is incorporating into it what was learned from the 2009 collaboration with the Association of Rural Town Councils and outreach to rural residents. The revised Draft General Plan will ensure that the County's land use policies are employed strategically to direct the majority of future growth away from rural areas and into suburban and urban areas with greater access to infrastructure, transit, and regional commercial centers.

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Richard J. Bruckner
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September 7, 2010

TO: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Richard J. Bruckner
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Richard J. Bruckner
Director

March 7, 2011

TO: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe

FROM: Richard J. Bruckner
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The staff anticipates having a draft of the General Plan Update and the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update available for public review in March/April 2011. The staff will inform members of the ARTC and other stakeholders when the drafts are available. On April 28, 2011, the Department staff will return to the ARTC to provide a joint presentation on the General Plan Update and the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update. The staff will be available to answer questions and garner input from Committee members on the drafts.

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The staff will continue to reach out to residents in the Antelope Valley and work with the dedicated and informed representatives of the ARTC as the draft General Plan is being revised. As instructed by your Board, future outreach efforts will clarify the unique role that rural communities have in the update of the General Plan.

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than June 6, 2011. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or by email at cchung@planning.lacounty.gov.

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Richard J. Bruckner
Director

June 6, 2011

TO: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe

FROM: Richard J. Bruckner
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In late March and early April, the staff released the Preliminary Draft Antelope Valley Area Plan and the Draft Los Angeles County General Plan to the public, and initiated a series of formal and informal meetings to discuss both draft plans with major stakeholders.

On April 28, 2011, the staff provided a joint presentation of the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update and General Plan Update to the ARTC. For the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, the staff outlined the major changes made to the Draft since May of 2010, including changes to the land use policy map and goals and policies based on

additional input from major stakeholders. The staff also highlighted the release of the Draft Renewable Energy Production Priority Map and related goals and policies, and announced the upcoming community meeting on June 18 at the Lancaster Library to discuss concerns related to utility-scale renewable energy projects in the unincorporated areas of the County. For the General Plan Update, the staff recapped the major regional concepts of the General Plan, as discussed in September of 2010, and provided a walk-through of the Elements of the General Plan. The staff also reiterated that as part of the overall General Plan framework, the Antelope Valley Area Plan serves as the primary tool to address the unique rural characteristics and needs of the Antelope Valley. The major issues raised by the ARTC members and meeting participants include the impacts of utility-scale renewable energy facilities on communities and resources, and the relationship between zoning and zoning enforcement to the draft plans.

The staff will continue to reach out to residents in the Antelope Valley and work with the dedicated and informed representatives of the ARTC, and work closely in conjunction with the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update team, as the Draft General Plan is being revised.

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than September 1, 2011. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

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Richard J. Bruckner
Director

September 12, 2011

TO: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe

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The General Plan Update team continues to work closely with the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update team to ensure that there is consistency between efforts. On July 26, 2011, the staff provided a joint presentation on the General Plan Update and the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update to the Antelope Valley Board of Trade, which included highlights of the County's proposed rural policy strategy. On August 25, 2011, staff from the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update team reconvened with the Association

of Rural Town Councils to provide updates and answer questions on both planning efforts. The staff will continue to work with stakeholders countywide to answer questions and provide walk-throughs of the General Plan Update.

In a related effort, the Ordinance Studies section conducted outreach to rural stakeholder groups including but not limited to the Association of Rural Town Councils and the Juniper Hills Town Council, on the establishment of a Rural Outdoor Lighting District, and scheduled the ordinance for public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission for September 21, 2011.

During the last quarter, the staff issued the Notice of Preparation for the EIR that will analyze the General Plan Update and the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update. In addition, the staff scheduled scoping meetings in the Antelope Valley and in Downtown Los Angeles, which will be held on September 6, 2011 and September 8, 2011, respectively.

The staff will continue to reach out to residents in the Antelope Valley and work with the dedicated and informed representatives of the ARTC, and work closely in conjunction with the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update team, as the Draft General Plan is being revised.

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than December 1, 2011. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

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Richard J. Bruckner
Director

December 6, 2011

TO: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Richard J. Bruckner
Director

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During the last quarter, the staff completed scoping meetings for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in the Antelope Valley on September 6, 2011, and in Downtown Los Angeles on September 8, 2011. The General Plan Update team also provided outreach to multiple communities throughout the County on the General Plan Update, including proposed major policies that address rural issues, such as the Planning Areas Framework and the Environmental and Hazards Constraints Model.

Department staff will continue to reach out to residents in the Antelope Valley and work with the dedicated and informed representatives of the ARTC and work closely in conjunction with the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update team, as the Draft General Plan is being revised.

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than March 1, 2012. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

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Richard J. Bruckner
Director

April 4, 2013

TO: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chair
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Richard J. Bruckner
Director

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BACKGROUND

In 2008, your Board Motion was made after the Department's release of the Draft General Plan and subsequent outreach meetings in the Antelope Valley and other rural areas. In the motion, Supervisor Micheal D. Antonovich stated: "As a result of this outreach, residents have contacted my office concerned that the latest draft Update is not adequately addressing issues unique to rural communities...Although encouraging infill development may be sound policy in the San Gabriel and San Fernando Valleys, it is entirely out of character for communities like Acton and Lake Los Angeles...To the extent that the General Plan Update is addressing critical issues like infill development,

global warming, and infrastructure planning, it is equally important that staff address the unique set of issues affecting quality of life in our rural communities.”

Since the motion, the Department has taken many steps to address rural issues in the General Plan Update through the inclusion of goals, policies, and programs. In addition, the concurrent development of “Town and Country,” which is an effort that the Department initiated in 2007 to update the Land Use Policy Map for the unincorporated Antelope Valley and the 1986 Antelope Valley Area Plan, has served to address the needs and desires of unincorporated Antelope Valley communities in a more focused and detailed manner than can be accomplished with the broader scope of the General Plan Update program. The Preliminary Draft Antelope Valley Area Plan is based on a “Rural Preservation Strategy,” which protects the character of existing rural communities, such as Acton and Lake Los Angeles, and also provides detailed standards for future development through a Land Use Policy Map and policies. In addition, the Rural Preservation Strategy promotes the efficient use of existing infrastructure and facilities, minimizes threats from hazards, such as the San Andreas Fault, and protects environmental resources, such as Significant Ecological Areas. Furthermore, it expands land uses that support jobs and promotes economic development efforts, such as the High Desert Corridor and the creation of an “inland port.”

As these efforts converged to address the needs of rural communities in the Antelope Valley, both locally and regionally, in November 2010 your Board authorized the Department to amend the contract for the General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to include an environmental analysis of the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update. Your Board’s action resulted in a cost savings of approximately \$300,000 when compared to a separate contract to prepare a stand-alone Area Plan Update EIR. The environmental analysis serves the same purpose as a stand-alone Area Plan Update EIR and acknowledges the symbiotic relationship between the two projects. Although both projects will be analyzed in a single EIR, the Department will ask that the Regional Planning Commission and your Board conduct separate hearings, and separate votes, for the General Plan Update and Area Plan Update.

UPDATES

During the last quarter, the Department continued to develop the Draft EIR, which will be available for public review later on this year. The Department also continued to develop the Draft Housing Element, including the adequate sites inventory, goals and policies, and programs. Staff retooled the methodology for the adequate sites inventory, which delayed the release of the Draft Housing Element in the last quarter. The Department anticipates releasing the Draft for public review in mid-April 2013 and initiating the preliminary review with the State Department of Housing and Community Development in June 2013.

The Department also continued to meet with major stakeholders to discuss the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update. The Department has conducted extensive outreach within the Antelope Valley and is currently working on revisions that will be incorporated into a Draft Area Plan that will be released later on this year.

Furthermore, during the last quarter, the Department conducted outreach to the Juniper Hills Town Council and Kagel Canyon Civic Association regarding the Draft Hillside Management Area Ordinance, and to the Leona Valley Town Council regarding the Draft Hillside Management Area Ordinance and the Draft Significant Ecological Area Ordinance. The Department is continuing to refine the draft ordinances pursuant to feedback from rural communities and other stakeholders.

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than July 3, 2013. Should you have any questions regarding the General Plan Update or the Housing Element Update, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, Draft Hillside Management Area Ordinance, or Draft Significant Ecological Area Ordinance, please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

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Richard J. Bruckner
Director

July 11, 2013

TO: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chair
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Richard J. Bruckner
Director

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During the last quarter, the Department continued to develop the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan Update and the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update (Area Plan Update). During the quarter, the Department limited the scope of the EIR solely to the General Plan Update in response to the June 11, 2013 Board motion to prepare a separate EIR for the Area Plan Update. The Department also issued a revised Notice of Preparation Countywide and scheduled a scoping meeting for July 11, 2013 (Attachment 1). The meeting will be streamed live and recorded for those who cannot attend. In addition, on June 26, 2013, staff presented the Regional Planning Commission with a final schedule for the General Plan Update and EIR (Attachments 2 and 3).

The Department also released the Draft Housing Element for public review. Some of the comments received regarding rural issues include how the Housing Element is addressing mobile home parks; the need to clarify that some programs, such as small lot subdivisions and Transit Oriented Districts, are not intended to apply to rural areas; and the need to clarify that proposed programs will not trump plans and programs intended to protect rural character, such as the Area Plan Update. The Department incorporated these changes into the Draft Housing Element, and submitted it to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for formal review. The Department anticipates initiating public hearings in the coming months.

Furthermore, the Department launched efforts to develop a Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the unincorporated areas. Climate action plans include an inventory of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and measures for reducing future emissions to achieve a specific reduction target. The CCAP will address emissions from building energy, land use and transportation, water consumption, and waste generation. Ultimately, the CCAP and associated GHG reduction measures will be incorporated into the Air Quality Element of the Los Angeles County General Plan. For more information, please visit the following web page: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/ccap>.

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than October 3, 2013. Should you have any questions regarding the General Plan Update, Housing Element Update, or CCAP, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Area Plan Update, Draft Hillside Management Area Ordinance, or Draft Significant Ecological Area Ordinance, please contact Mitch Glaser at (213) 974-6476 or mglaser@planning.lacounty.gov.

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Attachments:

1. Revised Notice of Preparation
2. General Plan Update Schedule
3. Regional Planning Commission Public Hearing Schedule

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
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County Counsel
Association of Rural Town Councils (Vance Pomeroy)



REVISED NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Individuals
Date: June 20, 2013
Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting
Project: Los Angeles County General Plan Update
Lead Agency: Los Angeles County

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that County of Los Angeles, through the Department of Regional Planning (Department), will be the Lead Agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project described below. The County released the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a public review period of 30 days for this process from August 15, 2011 to September 14, 2011. The project description in the August 15, 2011 NOP included an update to the General Plan (excluding the Housing Element) and an update to the Antelope Valley Area Plan. This notice advises interested parties and responsible agencies that the project description has been revised to exclude the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update. The revisions to the proposed project result in changes to the scope of the upcoming EIR from what was previously identified in the August 15, 2011 NOP. An EIR for the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update will be processed and noticed separately.

PROJECT INFORMATION: The project is a comprehensive update of the Los Angeles County General Plan. The project includes goals, policies, implementation programs and ordinances. The project covers the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and accommodates new housing and employment opportunities in anticipation of population growth in the County and the region. The General Plan Update focuses growth in the unincorporated areas with access to services and infrastructure and reduces the potential for growth in the County's environmentally sensitive and hazardous areas. The project will replace the adopted General Plan.

For a comprehensive project description and additional information on the General Plan Update, please visit <http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan>, or contact the General Plan Development and Housing Section at (213) 974-6417 or genplan@planning.lacounty.gov.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION: A Revised NOP for the EIR, which describes the project and outlines the potential environmental impacts, has been prepared. The Revised NOP will be available for review from **June 28, 2013 to July 29, 2013** on the Department's website at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan/ceqa>. Hardcopies will be available at the Department's main office and field office locations listed at the following link: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/locations>; all County libraries; Calabasas Library located at 200 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA 91302; and Altadena Library (Main Library) located at 600 East Mariposa Street, Altadena, CA 91001.

The Department is seeking input from both agencies and members of the public on the scope and content of the environmental information and analysis to be contained in the EIR. Any correspondence related to the General Plan Update received as part of the first NOP does not have to be resubmitted; it has already been incorporated as part of the environmental review process for the project. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be sent via mail, e-mail, or fax no later than 5:00 PM on **Monday, July 29, 2013**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to:

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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code Section 21803.9, Los Angeles County will conduct a public scoping meeting. This meeting will provide a public forum for information dissemination and dialogue regarding the components of the proposed project, the overall process, and the draft EIR. While staff will summarize the issues raised at these meetings, anyone wishing to make formal comments on the NOP must do so in writing. The public scoping meeting will be held at the time and location listed below:

Date: July 11, 2013
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning
320 W. Temple Street, Room 150
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The scoping meeting will also be streamed live at the following link:
<http://streaming.planning.lacounty.gov/meeting>. Afterward, the recorded presentation and meeting will also be posted at the following link: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan/ceqa>.



REVISED NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP)

County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning

Project Title: Los Angeles County General Plan Update

Introduction: The County of Los Angeles will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the comprehensive update of the Los Angeles County General Plan. The project includes goals, policies, implementation programs and ordinances. The project covers the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and accommodates new housing and employment opportunities in anticipation of population growth in the County and the region. The project will replace the adopted General Plan.

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1. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

1.1 Project Location

Los Angeles County is geographically one of the largest counties in the country with approximately 4,083 square miles. The County stretches along 75 miles of the Pacific Coast of Southern California and is bordered to the east by Orange County and San Bernardino County, to the north by Kern County, and to the west by Ventura County. The County also includes two offshore islands, Santa Catalina Island and San Clemente Island, as shown in Figure 1, *Regional Location*. The unincorporated areas account for approximately 65 percent of the total land area of the County.

The unincorporated areas in the northern portion of the County are covered by large amounts of sparsely populated land and include the Angeles National Forest, part of the Los Padres National Forest, and the Mojave Desert. The unincorporated areas in the southern portion of the County consist of 58 noncontiguous land areas, which are often referred to as the County's unincorporated urban islands. The County's governmental structure comprises five Supervisorial Districts with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as the governing body responsible for making all legislative land use decisions for the unincorporated areas. Maps of the Supervisorial Districts and unincorporated areas of the County are available online on the Department of Regional Planning's website: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan>.

1.2 General Plan and Planning Areas Framework

The Los Angeles County General Plan is the guide for growth and development for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The General Plan guides the long-term physical development and conservation of the County's land and environment through a framework of goals, policies, and implementation programs. The California Government Code requires that each city and county adopt a general plan "for the physical development of the county or city, and any land outside its boundaries which bears relation to its planning." Long-range planning provides the opportunity to responsibly manage and direct future development, conserve natural areas, support economic development objectives, and improve mobility in the region.

The Los Angeles County General Plan serves as the framework for existing community-based plans, including Area Plans, Community Plans, Neighborhood Plans, and Local Coastal Land Use Plans. Area Plans provide additional details to General Plan goals and policies, focusing on sub regional land use issues and other policy needs that are specific to the Planning Area. Community Plans and Neighborhood Plans cover smaller geographic areas within the Planning Area, and address neighborhood and/or community level land use policy issues. Local Coastal Land Use Plans are components of the Local Coastal Program (LCP), which consist of land use plans, zoning ordinances and maps, and implementing actions to protect coastal resources within the state designated coastal zone. All community-based plans are components of the General Plan and must be consistent with General Plan goals and policies. The following is a list of adopted community-based plans:

Area Plans

- Antelope Valley Area Plan (adopted 1986)
- Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan (adopted 1984; updated 2012)
- Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan (adopted 2000)

Community Plans

- Altadena Community Plan (adopted 1986)
- East Los Angeles Community Plan (adopted 1988)
- Hacienda Heights Community Plan (adopted 1978; updated 2011)
- Rowland Heights Community Plan (adopted 1981)
- Twin Lakes Community Plan (adopted 1991)
- Walnut Park Neighborhood Plan (adopted 1987)
- West Athens-Westmont Community Plan (adopted 1990)

Local Coastal Land Use Plans

- Marina del Rey Local Coastal Land Use Plan (adopted; certified Local Coastal Program 1996; updated 2012)
- Malibu Local Coastal Land Use Plan (adopted 1986)
- Santa Catalina Island Local Coastal Land Use Plan (adopted; certified Local Coastal Program 1983)

1.3 Adopted General Plan

The County's efforts to prepare a General Plan for the unincorporated areas began in the 1970's with the creation of the Environmental Development Guide. In 1973, the County adopted its first General Plan, followed by a comprehensive update in 1980. The County's adopted General Plan and community-based plans can be found online at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/plans/adopted>.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is a comprehensive update of the Los Angeles County General Plan. The project includes goals, policies, implementing programs, and ordinances. The project covers the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and accommodates new housing and employment opportunities in anticipation of population growth in the County and the region. The General Plan Update focuses growth in the unincorporated areas with access to services and infrastructure and reduces the potential for growth in the County's environmentally sensitive and hazardous areas.

2.1 Draft General Plan

The proposed project is the preparation of a comprehensive update of the County's 1980 General Plan that meets California Code requirements for a general plan. The Draft General Plan accommodates new housing and jobs within the unincorporated area in anticipation of population growth in the County and the region through the year 2035. The theme of the Draft General Plan is sustainability. Sustainability requires that planning practices meet the County's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to realize their economic, social, and environmental goals. The Draft General Plan has been designed to utilize, promote, and implement policies that promote healthy, livable, and sustainable communities. Five guiding principles—Smart Growth; Sufficient

Community Services and Infrastructure; Strong and Diversified Economy; Environmental Resource Management; and Healthy, Livable and Equitable Communities—are supported by community-identified goals and stakeholder input, and further the overall goal of sustainability throughout the Draft General Plan.

The Draft General Plan consists of the following elements (the update to the Housing Element, which is a component of the General Plan, is underway through a separate effort):

- Land Use Element
- Mobility Element
- Air Quality Element
- Conservation and Open Space Element
- Parks and Recreation Element
- Noise Element
- Safety Element
- Public Services and Facilities Element
- Economic Development Element

To clarify the framework of the General Plan and to facilitate the planning of the unincorporated areas, the Draft General Plan establishes 11 Planning Areas, as shown online at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan>.

- Antelope Valley Planning Area
- Coastal Islands Planning Area
- East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area
- Gateway Planning Area
- Metro Planning Area
- San Fernando Planning Area
- Santa Clarita Valley Planning Area
- Santa Monica Mountains Planning Area
- South Bay Planning Area
- West San Gabriel Valley Planning Area
- Westside Planning Area

The Draft General Plan provides a framework of goals and policies to achieve countywide planning objectives within the 11 Planning Areas, and serves as the foundation for all existing and future community-based plans. Furthermore, the Draft General Plan involves a revision to the current General Plan land use policy map, and revisions to elements required by the State of California and optional elements. Table 1, *Proposed General Plan*, provides a description of the land uses designations proposed in the Land Use Plan. The following describe the major land use policies in the Draft General Plan, which are supported by goals, policies, programs and strategic changes to the land use policy maps:

Transit Oriented Districts: Transit Oriented Districts (TOD) are areas within a 1/2 mile radius from a major transit stop. TOD areas are located in proximity to major transit stops, provide the best opportunities for infill development, and are well-suited for higher density housing, mixed uses, and civic activities. The TODs guide the increase of residential densities and the allowance of mixed uses along major corridors in the draft land use policy maps. All TODs are envisioned in the future to have a TOD specific plan with standards, regulations, and capital improvement plans that tailor to the unique characteristics and needs of each community.

Special Management Areas: The County's Special Management Areas require additional development regulations that are necessary to prevent the loss of life and property, and to protect the natural environment and important resources. Special Management Areas include but are not limited to Agricultural Resource Areas, Airport Influence Areas, Seismic Hazard Zones, Flood Hazard Zones, Significant Ecological Areas, Hillside Management Areas, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. The Draft General Plan minimizes

risks to hazards and limits development in Special Management Areas through goals, policies and programs. The Draft General Plan also includes the Hazard, Environmental, and Resource Constraints Model, which is a visual representation of the Special Management Areas and serves 1) as a tool to inform land use policies for future community-based planning initiatives; 2) to inform applicants and planners of potential site constraints and regulations; and 3) to direct land use policies and the development of planning regulations and procedures to address hazard, environmental, and resource constraints.

Preservation of Industrial Land: Planning for future growth and the appropriate land use mix has major impacts on the local and regional economy. The Draft General Plan includes land uses and policies that protect the remaining industrial land in the unincorporated areas. The Draft General Plan identifies Employment Protection Districts, which are economically viable industrial land and employment-rich lands, with policies to prevent the conversion of industrial land to non-industrial uses.

Table 1 Proposed General Plan						
Land Use Designation	Acres³	Density / Intensity⁴	Units	Population⁵	Bldg. Sq. Footage (in thousands)	Jobs⁵
COUNTYWIDE GENERAL PLAN (NOT IN A COMMUNITY PLAN) ²						
PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN	106,621	--	194,142	666,588	561,542	176,161
Commercial	962	--	0	0	20,982	41,872
CG - General Commercial	961.14	0.5 (F)	0	0	20,933	41,842
CM - Major Commercial	0.64	1.5 (F)	0	0	42	17
CR - Rural Commercial	0.62	0.25 (F)	0	0	7	13
Industrial	3,560	--	0	0	77,531	59,365
IH - Heavy Industrial	1,706	0.5 (F)	0	0	37,167	28,458
IL - Light Industrial	1,853	0.5 (F)	0	0	40,365	30,907
IO - Industrial Office	0	1 (F)	0	0	0	0
Mixed Use & Specific Plan	459	--	19,003	53,019	10,347	38,949
MU - Mixed Use	158	120 (D) / 1.5 (F)	19,003	53,019	10,347	20,249
SP - Universal Studios Specific Plan	301	--	0	0	0	18,700
Open Space	57,374	--	0	0	0	1,933
OS-BLM - Bureau of Land Management	76	--	0	0	0	0
OS-C - Conservation	7,648	--	0	0	0	0
OS-ML - Military Land	36,615	--	0	0	0	0
OS-MR - Mineral Resources	1,088	--	0	0	0	0
OS-NF - National Forest	2,777	--	0	0	0	0
OS-PR - Parks and Recreation	7,105	--	0	0	0	1,625
OS-W - Water	2,065	--	0	0	0	307
Public / Semi-Public	6,917	--	0	0	452,681	29,267
P - Public and Semi-Public	6,917	1.5 (F)	0	0	452,681	29,267
Rural	16,324	--	2,080	8,008.70	0	101
RL40 - Rural Land 40	38	0.03 (D)	1	4	0	0

**Table 1
Proposed General Plan**

Land Use Designation	Acres³	Density / Intensity⁴	Units	Population⁵	Bldg. Sq. Footage (in thousands)	Jobs⁵
RL20 - Rural Land 20	12,759	0.05 (D)	638	2,456	0	0
RL10 - Rural Land 10	2,247	0.1 (D)	225	865	0	0
RL2 - Rural Land 2	126	0.5 (D)	63	243	0	0
RL1 - Rural Land 1	1,153	1 (D)	1,153	4,440	0	101
Residential	21,025	--	173,058	605,560	0	4,674
H2 - Residential 2	1,462	1.6 (D)	2,340	9,007	0	100
H5 - Residential 5	1,768	4 (D)	7,073	27,229	0	100
H9 - Residential 9	14,394	7.2 (D)	103,640	373,103	0	3,086
H18 - Residential 18	2,469.36	14.4 (D)	35,559	128,011	0	711
H30 - Residential 30	808.31	24 (D)	19,337	53,951	0	427
H50 - Residential 50	117.90	40 (D)	4,716	13,157	0	250
H100 - Residential 100	4.93	80 (D)	395	1,101	0	0
COMMUNITY PLANS²						
ALTADENA	5,604	--	16,240	61,359	9,996	18,463
Commercial	64	--	0	0	2,784	9,376
GC - General Commercial	64	1 (F)	0	0	2,784	9,376
Industrial	38	--	0	0	1,004	3,075
BP - Business Park	38	0.6 (F)	0	0	1,004	3,075
Infrastructure	815	--	0	0	0	0
Public Streets	815	--	0	0	0	0
Mixed Use & Specific Plan	255	--	904	2,800	2,226	4,561
MU - Mixed Use "Center"	37	17.6 (D) / 1.4 (F)	642	1,792	2,226	4,411
SP - La Vina Specific Plan	219	--	262	1,008	0	150
Public & Open Space	915	--	0	0	3,981	1,066
I - Institutions	183	0.5 (F)	0	0	3,981	803
MOS - Miscellaneous Open Space	68	--	0	0	0	100
NF - National Forest and National Forest Managed Lands	416	--	0	0	0	0
PR - Public and Private Recreation	103	--	0	0	0	164
U - Utilities	145	--	0	0	0	0
Residential	3,516	--	15,335	58,558	0	386
E - Estate/Equestrian	93	0.4 (D)	37	144	0	5
N - Non-Urban	327	1 (D)	105	403	0	0
LD - Low Density Residential	3,068	4.8 (D)	14,726	56,694	0	377
LMD - Low/Medium Density Residential	1	9.6 (D)	12	46	0	0
MD - Medium Density Residential	26	17.6 (D)	456	1,271	0	4

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Proposed General Plan

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ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN⁷	1,132,744	--	278,158	1,070,571	46,870	51,219
Commercial	902	--	0	0	19,652	38,329
C - Commercial	902	0.5 (F)	0	0	19,652	38,329
Industrial	579	--	0	0	12,606	9,652
M - Industry	579	0.5 (F)	0	0	12,606	9,652
Open Space	583,967	--	0	0	0	524
OS-BLM - Bureau of Land Management	2,436	--	0	0	0	0
O - Open Space	70,471	--	0	0	0	324
O-NF - National Forest	510,413	--	0	0	0	200
O-W - Water Body	648	--	0	0	0	0
Public / Semi-Public	17,029	--	0	0	14,613	767
Airport	16,358		0	0	0	50
P - Public and Semi-Public Facility	671	1.5 (F)	0	0	14,613	717
Rural	522,077	--	261,773	1,007,826	0	1,361
N1 - Non-Urban 1	502,174	0.5 (D)	242,712	934,440	0	926
N2 - Non-Urban 2	19,903	1.0 (D)	19,061	73,385	0	436
Residential	5,541	--	16,385	62,746	0	485
U1 - Urban 1	4,450	2.6 (D)	11,411	43,931	0	335
U1.5 - Urban 1.5	140	1.6 (D)	224	862	0	0
U2 - Urban 2	738	5.3 (D)	3,248	12,505	0	150
U2-D - Urban 2 (specific development criteria)	50	3.2 (D)	160	614	0	0
U3 - Urban 3	9	12.0 (D)	105	377	0	0
U3-D - Urban 3 (specific development criteria)	155	8.0 (D)	1,238	4,457	0	0
Infrastructure	2,649	--	0	0	0	100
TC - Transportation Corridor	2,649	--	0	0	0	100
EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN	3,381	--	41,608	128,487	44,199	42,459
Commercial	338	--	0	0	21,255	26,156
CC - Community Commercial	150	1.5 (F)	0	0	9,778	19,239
CM - Commercial Manufacturing	93	1.3 (F)	0	0	5,252	4,289
MC - Major Commercial	95	1.5 (F)	0	0	6,225	2,627
Industrial	158	--	0	0	6,873	5,234
I - Industrial	158	1 (F)	0	0	6,873	5,234
Mixed Use & Specific Plan	65	--	1,563	4,361	3,404	6,848

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Proposed General Plan

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CR - Commercial Residential	65	24 (D) / 1.2 (F)	1,563	4,361	3,404	6,848
Other	21	--	0	0	0	0
RP - Residential Parking	21	--	0	0	0	0
Public & Open Space	582	--	0	0	12,667	2,753
P - Public Use	582	0.5 (F)	0	0	12,667	2,753
Residential	2,218	--	40,045	124,127	0	1,469
LD - Low Density Residential	132	6.4 (D)	843	3,246	0	0
LMD - Low/Medium Density Residential	1,045	13.6 (D)	14,207	51,146	0	565
MD - Medium Density Residential	1,041	24 (D)	24,994	69,735	0	904
HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN	6,360	--	17,433	65,833	9,864	13,310
Commercial	131	--	0	0	5,708	11,194
CG - General Commercial	131	1 (F)	0	0	5,708	11,194
Industrial	28	--	0	0	609	466
IL - Light Industrial	28	0.5 (F)	0	0	609	466
Public & Open Space	1,709	--	0	0	3,547	300
OS-C - Open Space Conservation	403	--	0	0	0	0
OS-PR - Open Space Parks and Recreation	1,131	--	0	0	0	200
P-CS - Public and Semi-Public Community Serving	42	0.5 (F)	0	0	651	100
P-TF - Public and Semi-Public Transportation Facilities	0	--	0	0	0	0
P-UF - Public and Semi-Public Utilities and Facilities	133	0.5 (F)	0	0	2,896	0
Rural	862	--	145	559	0	35
RL10 - Rural Lands 10	714	0.1 (D)	71	275	0	0
RL2 - Rural Lands 2	148	0.5 (D)	74	284	0	35
Residential	3,630	--	17,288	65,274	0	1,315
H2 - Residential 2	719	1.6 (D)	1,150	4,429	0	100
H5 - Residential 5	2,110	4 (D)	8,441	32,499	0	1,000
H9 - Residential 9	582	7.2 (D)	4,277	16,466	0	200
H18 - Residential 18	201	14.4 (D)	2,889	10,402	0	15
H30 - Residential 30	10	24 (D)	248	693	0	0
H50 - Residential 50	7	40 (D)	281	785	0	0

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MALIBU LOCAL COASTAL LAND USE PLAN	51,141	--	4,347	16,729	15,239	22,138
Commercial	729	--	0	0	6,352	11,929
12 - Rural Business	18	0.2 (F)	0	0	158	309
13 - General Commercial	0.45	0.2 (F)	0	0	4	8
14 - Office/Commercial Services	0.18	0.2 (F)	0	0	2	5
16 - Low-Intensity Visitor-Serving Commercial Recreation	710	0.2 (F)	0	0	6,187	11,603
17 - Recreation-Serving Commercial	0.20	0.2 (F)	0	0	2	3
Mixed Use & Specific Plan	39	--	0	0	336	672
MU - Mixed Use - Specific Plan Required	39	0.2 (F)	0	0	336	672
Public & Open Space	16,423	--	0	0	8,551	7,776
11 - Institution and Public Facilities	982	0.2 (F)	0	0	8,551	7,600
18 - Parks	15,441	--	0	0	0	175
Rural	32,945	--	3,298	12,697	0	1,761
M2 - Mountain Land	23,051	0.05 (D)	1,153	4,437	0	1,603
5 - Rural Land III	2,615	0.5 (D)	1,196	4,604	0	120
4 - Rural Land II	3,375	0.2 (D)	603	2,320	0	15
3 - Rural Land I	3,905	0.1 (D)	347	1,336	0	23
Residential	1,005	--	1,049	4,032	0	0
6 - Residential I	903	1 (D)	674	2,595	0	0
8A - Residential III(A)	21	3.2 (D)	31	121	0	0
8B - Residential III(B)	75	4.8 (D)	331	1,273	0	0
9B - Residential IV(B)	5	8 (D)	7	29	0	0
9C - Residential IV(C)	0.47	16 (D)	5	15	0	0
MARINA DEL REY LOCAL COASTAL LAND USE PLAN	694	--	7,684	21,439	1,861	4,493
Commercial	86	--	0	0	1,413	4,111
H - Hotel	26	1027 rooms	0	0	0	1,027
MC - Marine Commercial	24	0.5 (F)	0	0	521	1,020
O - Office	5	1 (F)	0	0	235	780
VS/CC - Visitor-Serving / Convenience Commercial	30	0.5 (F)	0	0	656	1,284
Industrial	5	--	0	0	112	250
PF - Public Facilities	5	0.5 (F)	0	0	112	250
Other	401	--	0	0	82	82
B - Boat Storage	19	0.1 (F)	0	0	82	82

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P - Parking	17	--	0	0	0	0
W - Water	366	--	0	0	0	0
Public & Open Space	42	--	0	0	0	0
OS - Open Space	42	--	0	0	0	0
Residential	159	--	7,684	21,439	254	50
R III - Residential III	38	28 (D)	1,063	2,966	0	0
R IV - Residential IV	23	36 (D)	814	2,270	0	0
R V - Residential V	97	60 (D)	5,807	16,202	0	0
SA - Senior Accommodations	2	--	0	0	254	50
ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAN	7,422	--	14,115	50,900	12,134	20,661
Commercial	192	--	0	0	8,378	15,764
C - Commercial	192	1 (F)	0	0	8,378	15,764
Industrial	144	--	0	0	3,756	3,027
I - Industrial	144	0.6 (F)	0	0	3,756	3,027
Other	793	--	723	2,783	0	0
TOS - Transitional Open Space (N1)	272	0.2 (D)	54	210	0	0
TOS - Transitional Open Space (N2)	268	1 (D)	181	695	0	0
TOS - Transitional Open Space (U1)	252	2.56 (D)	488	1,878	0	0
Public & Open Space	1,566	--	0	0	0	194
O - Open Space	1,566	--	0	0	0	194
Residential	4,727	--	13,392	48,117	0	1,676
N1 - Non-Urban 1	1,459	0.2 (D)	292	1,124	0	0
N2 - Non-Urban 2	510	1 (D)	449	1,730	0	200
U1 - Urban 1	1,276	2.56 (D)	2,857	10,998	0	401
U2 - Urban 2	1,278	4.8 (D)	5,903	22,728	0	1,075
U3 - Urban 3	68	9.6 (D)	643	2,477	0	0
U4 - Urban 4	51	17.6 (D)	902	2,517	0	0
U5 - Urban 5	84	28 (D)	2,345	6,543	0	0
SANTA CATALINA ISLAND LOCAL COASTAL LAND USE PLAN	46,137	--	21	0	0	570
Commercial	26	--	0	0	0	7
Commercial - Two Harbors	3	--	0	0	0	7
Lodges/Inns - Two Harbors	14	--	0	0	0	0
Marine Commercial - Two Harbors	3	--	0	0	0	0
Utilities/Services - Two Harbors	7	--	0	0	0	0

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Land Use Designation	Acres³	Density / Intensity⁴	Units	Population⁵	Bldg. Sq. Footage (in thousands)	Jobs⁵
Industrial	690	--	0	0	0	6
Extractive Use - Catalina	514	--	0	0	0	0
Industrial/Transportation - Two Harbors	5	--	0	0	0	0
Industrial/Transportation/Utilities - Catalina	172	--	0	0	0	6
Other	87	--	0	0	0	0
undefined* - Two Harbors	3	--	0	0	0	0
View Corridor - Two Harbors	84	--	0	0	0	0
Public & Open Space	45,197	--	0	0	0	557
Conservation/Primitive Recreation - Catalina	20,212	--	0	0	0	32
Conservation/Recreation - Two Harbors	820	--	0	0	0	17
Open Space/Recreation - Two Harbors	108	--	0	0	0	2
Open Space/Structured Recreation - Catalina	24,057	--	0	0	0	505
Residential	136	--	21	0	0	0
Residential Land Uses - Two Harbors	136	0.25 (D)	21	0	0	0
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREA PLAN⁶	270,889	--	77,155	237,638		105,881
Residential	--	--	77,155	237,638	--	--
Non-Residential	--	--	--	--	--	81,265-107,123
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA PLAN	20,162	--	2,441	9,398.95	14,428	6,569
Commercial	166	--	0	0	3,215	5,959
C - Commercial	120	0.5 (F)	0	0	2,604	4,764
CR - Commercial Recreation - Limited Intensity	47	0.3 (F)	0	0	611	1,195
Infrastructure	0	--	0	0	0	0
TC - Transportation Corridor	0	--	0	0	0	0
Public & Open Space	6,651	--	0	0	11,214	73
OS - Open Space	775	--	0	0	0	0
OS-DR - Open Space Deed Restricted	591	--	0	0	0	0
OS-P - Open Space Parks	4,731	--	0	0	0	62
OS-W - Open Space Water	39	--	0	0	0	11
P - Public and Semi-Public Facilities	515	0.5 (F)	0	0	11,214	0
Rural	12,920	--	1,601	6,164	0	537

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N20 - Mountain Lands 20	5,505	0.05 (D)	275	1,060	0	16
N10 - Mountain Lands 10	4,265	0.1 (D)	369	1,419	0	200
N5 - Mountain Lands 5	2,028	0.2 (D)	361	1,388	0	200
N2 - Rural Residential 2	668	0.5 (D)	292	1,124	0	100
N1 - Rural Residential 1	454	1 (D)	305	1,173	0	21
Residential	425	--	840	3,235	0	0
U2 - Residential 2	252	1.6 (D)	360	1,386	0	0
U4 - Residential 4	148	3.2 (D)	344	1,323	0	0
U8 - Residential 8	26	6.4 (D)	137	526	0	0
TWIN LAKES COMMUNITY PLAN	45	--	45	174	0	0
Rural	45	--	45	174	0	0
RC - Rural Communities	45	1 (D)	45	174	0	0
WALNUT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN	369	--	4,338	13,717	2,558	5,044
Commercial	41	--	0	0	2,135	4,358
GC - General Commercial	35	1.3 (F)	0	0	1,963	3,786
OC - Office Commercial	7	0.6 (F)	0	0	173	572
Industrial	8	--	0	0	180	112
PU/I - Public Use / Institutional	8	0.5 (F)	0	0	180	112
Mixed Use & Specific Plan	11	--	0	0	242	474
MC - Mixed Commercial	11	0.5 (F)	0	0	242	474
Other	4	--	26	100	0	0
R/P - Residential / Parking	4	7.2 (D)	26	100	0	0
Residential	305	--	4,312	13,617	0	100
NP I - Neighborhood Preservation I	167	7.2 (D)	1,200	4,619	0	100
NP II - Neighborhood Preservation II	21	14.4 (D)	298	1,146	0	0
NR - Neighborhood Revitalization	117	24 (D)	2,814	7,852	0	0
WEST ATHENS - WESTMONT NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN	1,489	--	11,185	40,539	10,820	10,894
Commercial	155	--	0	0	6,047	8,456
C.1 - Regional Commercial	45	1 (F)	0	0	1,940	1,060
C.2 - Community Commercial	81	1 (F)	0	0	3,513	6,994
C.3 - Neighborhood Commercial	2	0.5 (F)	0	0	41	79
C.4 - Commercial Manufacturing	15	0.64 (F)	0	0	416	318
CR - Commercial Recreation	13	0.25 (F)	0	0	137	5
Public & Open Space	278	--	0	0	4,773	1,813

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OS.1 - Recreation / Open Space	122	--	0	0	0	70
PL.1 - Public/Quasi-Public Use	157	0.7 (F)	0	0	4,773	1,743
Residential	1,057	--	11,185	40,539	0	625
RD 2.3 - Single Family Residence	485	6.4 (D)	3,103	11,945	0	325
RD 3.1 - Two Family Residence	549	13.6 (D)	7,463	26,868	0	200
RD 3.2 - Medium Density Bonus	19	24 (D)	463	1,292	0	100
SCD - Senior Citizen Density Bonus	4	40 (D)	156	434	0	0
Grand Total	1,653,056	--	668,911	2,383,373	729,510	477,862
<p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Historically, jurisdiction-wide buildout levels do not achieve the maximum allowable density/intensity on every parcel and are, on average, lower than allowed by the General Plan. Accordingly, the buildout projections in this General Plan do not assume buildout at the maximum density or intensity and instead are adjusted downward to account for variations in buildout intensity. The County has adopted a total of 13 community-based plans. The adoption date of these community-based plans vary and the boundaries of the community plans may or may not be coterminous with a specific plan. Acres are given as adjusted gross acreages, which do not include the right-of-way for roadways, flood control facilities, or railroads. The density/intensity figure shown reflects the projected density/intensity for buildout purposes, which is generally 80% of the maximum density/intensity permitted for that land use category. (D) denotes residential density and (F) denotes Floor Area Ratio. Projections of population by residential designation are based on a persons-per-household factor that varies by housing type. Additionally, the projections of jobs by designation are based on an employment generation factor that varies by employment category, or actual number of jobs. The figures for the unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley reference the figures in the Environmental Impact Report for the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Update. The methodology used to derive the figures for the unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley differs from the methodology used to generate the figures for other unincorporated areas and, therefore, they cannot be broken down by Land Use Category. The Antelope Valley Area Plan represents the adopted plan, with the exception of the portion that overlaps with the Proposed General Plan community of 'Kagel / Lopez Canyons'. Therefore, the total acreage of the Antelope Valley represented here is less than the actual area of the adopted plan boundary. 						

The project will replace the adopted General Plan, including all of the elements (excluding the Housing Element), land use distribution maps, and circulation maps. Other components of the comprehensive General Plan Update include, but are not limited to:

- Update the Special Management Areas including but not limited to Agricultural Resource Areas, Seismic Hazard Zones, Flood Hazard Zones, Significant Ecological Areas, Hillside Management Areas, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
- Update Significant Ecological Areas boundaries.
- Update of the Highway Plan.
- Amendments to the existing County ordinances and/or adoption of new County ordinances as necessary to implement the updated General Plan, including but not limited to the SEA CUP Ordinance, Hillside Management Ordinance, and the addition of new zones to implement portions of the land use legend.
- Rezoning as necessary to implement and/or maintain consistency with the updated General Plan.
- Rescinding or updating outdated policies, ordinances, manuals, codes and other guidance documents and enacting new implementing policies, ordinances, manuals, and other guidance documents as needed to reflect current law and the updated General Plan
- Digitizing, parcelizing, and refining land use policy maps for existing community-based plans, as needed.

3. PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Environmental Issues:

The County has determined that a Program EIR will be prepared for the proposed comprehensive General Plan Update. Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines states that a Program EIR may be prepared on a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project and are related either: 1) geographically; 2) as logical parts in the chain of contemplated actions; 3) in connection with issuance of rules, regulations, plans, or other general criteria to govern the conduct of a continuing program; or 4) as individual activities carried out under the same authorizing statutory or regulatory authority and having generally similar environmental effects that can be mitigated in similar ways. The Program EIR will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of CEQA Statutes and Guidelines, as amended. Pursuant to Section 15146 of the CEQA Guidelines the degree of specificity in the Program EIR will correspond to the degree of specificity involved in the comprehensive General Plan Update. The EIR will focus on the primary effects that can be expected to follow from adoption of the comprehensive General Plan Update and will not be as detailed as an EIR on the specific development or construction projects that may follow. Based on the County's preliminary analysis of the project, the following environmental issues will be examined in the Program EIR:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural and Forest Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology / Soils
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation / Traffic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance

The Draft EIR will address the short- and long-term effects of the Los Angeles County General Plan Update on the environment. Mitigation measures will be proposed for those impacts that are determined to be significant. A mitigation monitoring program will also be developed as required by Section 15150 of the CEQA Guidelines.

REVIEW PERIOD: This Revised NOP will be available for review from **June 28, 2013** to **July 29, 2013** on the Department of Regional Planning (Department) website at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan/ceqa>. Hardcopies will be available at the Department's main office and field office locations listed at the following link: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/locations>; all County libraries; Calabasas Library located at 200 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA 91302; and Altadena Library (Main Library) located at 600 East Mariposa Street, Altadena, CA 91001.

The Department is seeking input from both agencies and members of the public on the scope and content of the environmental information and analysis to be contained in the EIR. Any correspondence related to the General Plan Update received as part of the first NOP does not have to be resubmitted; it has already been incorporated as part of the environmental review process for the project. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be sent via mail, e-mail, or fax no later than 5:00 PM on **Monday, July 29, 2013**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to:

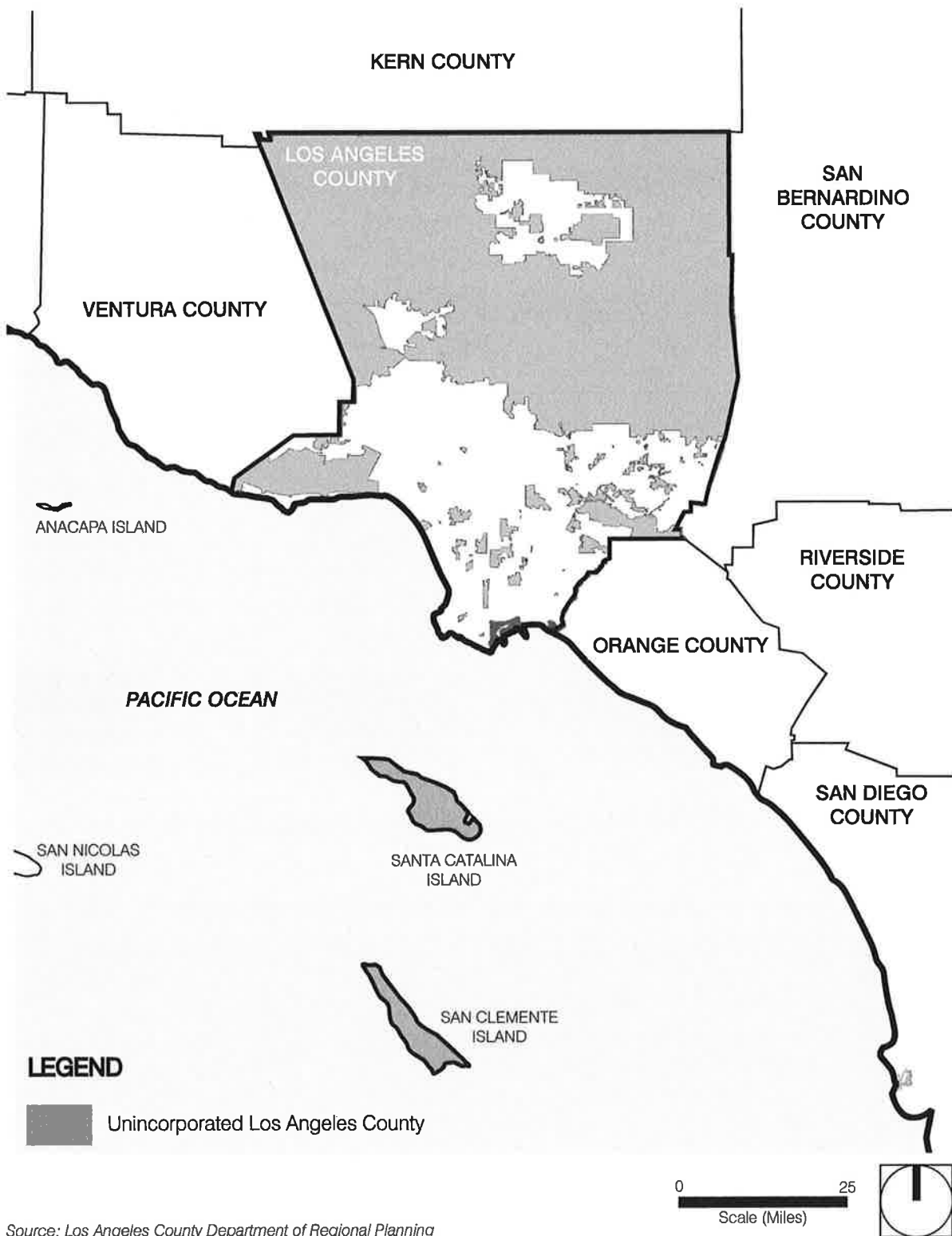
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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code Section 21803.9, Los Angeles County will conduct a public scoping meeting. This meeting will provide a public forum for information dissemination and dialogue regarding the components of the proposed project, the overall process, and the draft EIR. While staff will summarize the issues raised at these meetings, anyone wishing to make formal comments on the NOP must do so in writing. The public scoping meeting will be held at the time and location listed below:

Date: July 11, 2013
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning
320 W. Temple Street, Room 150
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The scoping meeting will also be streamed live at the following link:
<http://streaming.planning.lacounty.gov/meeting>. Afterward, the recorded presentation and meeting will also be posted at the following link: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan/ceqa>.

Regional Location



Source: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

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		2013												2014											
		Start	Finish	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			
RPC and Board																									
RPC Discussion #1 Public Hearing Schedule	26-Jun																								
RPC Discussion #2 GP/ZC	23-Oct																								
RPC Discussion #3 HMA/SEA	20-Nov																								
Public hearing notices sent out	17-Jan																								
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RPC Public Hearing #4 Zoning Consistency	28-May																								
Courtesy public hearing reminder sent out	29-Jul																								
RPC Public Hearing #5 Wrap Up and RPC Action+ALUC*	27-Aug																								
Board public hearings*	23-Sep																								
EIR																									
Reissue NOP	28-Jun																								
Scoping Meeting	11-Jul																								
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County screencheck review	23-Sep																								
Revised Screencheck EIR	4-Nov																								
2nd County screencheck review	9-Dec																								
Draft EIR development	13-Jan																								
Notice of Completion/Notice of Availability sent out	17-Jan																								
60 day Draft EIR public review period	24-Jan																								
Response to comments/Final EIR*	25-Mar																								
Other GP/ZC Activities																									
Final release of revised Draft GP/public review	1-Oct																								
Zoning consistency outreach (zone change letters for GP and FF zone changes, and M-zones)	1-Jun																								

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GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND ZONING CONSISTENCY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

	DATE
Discussion #1: Public Hearing Schedule	26-Jun-13
Discussion #2: Overview of Project	23-Oct-13
General Plan Update	
Zoning consistency	
Discussion #3: SEA Ordinance/HMA Ordinance	
Public Hearing #1: General Plan Update	20-Nov-13
General Plan Framework	
Land Use Element	26-Feb-14
Mobility Element	
Public Hearing #2: General Plan Update	
Air Quality Element	26-Mar-14
Conservation and Natural Resources Element	
Parks and Recreation Element	
Noise Element	
Safety Element	
Public Services and Facilities Element	
Economic Development Element	
Implementation Program	
Public Hearing #3: SEA Ordinance and HMA Ordinance	23-Apr-14
Same day, but separate agenda items	
Provide refresher on SEA & HMA Policies in GP	
Public Hearing #4: Zoning Consistency	28-May-14
Provide refresher on land use legend, TOD policy, industrial strategy, etc.	
New zones: R-5, MXD-RU, C-RU, and C-MJ	
Modified zones: MXD, M-1, M-1.5, M-2, M-2.5, M-3, and MPD	
Zone change maps for General Plan	
Public Hearing #5: Wrap-Up & RPC Action + ALUC Public Hearing	27-Aug-14 *
Overview of project	
Address concerns brought up by the RPC	
Final EIR	
Close public hearing	
ALUC public hearing	

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Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Richard J. Bruckner
Director

January 8, 2014

TO: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Richard J. Bruckner
Director

QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON BOARD MOTION REGARDING RURAL ISSUES AND THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (DECEMBER 9, 2008, ITEM 39-B)

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This quarterly report, as directed by the Board Motion, summarizes the progress of the Department of Regional Planning (Department) in addressing the actions outlined above.

The General Plan Update is scheduled for public hearing before the Regional Planning Commission (Commission), beginning in February 2014, and will be conducted over the course of several months. The Department will also release for public review the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan Update in April 2014. The Department anticipates bringing all components of the General Plan Update before the Board for consideration in September 2014. An updated draft of the General Plan is available for public review at: planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan.

During the past quarter, Department staff continued to reach out to major stakeholders to discuss issues of concern in rural communities. On October 31, 2013, the staff provided an overview of the General Plan Update and Housing Element Update to the Association of Rural Town Councils.

The staff also provided informational briefings on the General Plan Update to the Commission. On October 23, 2013, the staff provided the Commission with an overview of the Draft General

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Plan and zoning consistency efforts, including a discussion of two proposed rural zones: Rural Commercial Zone and Rural Mixed Use Zone. More information on the zoning consistency effort can be found at: planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan/zoning.

On December 11, 2013, the staff provided an overview of proposed implementing ordinances for hillside management and for the Significant Ecological Areas (SEA). More information on the proposed hillside management ordinance can be found at: planning.lacounty.gov/hma, and on the SEA Program at: planning.lacounty.gov/sea.

In addition, the Board approved and indicated its intent to adopt the Housing Element Update. Upon adoption, the Department will submit the Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for certification review. The Department is also developing an online, user-friendly version of the Housing Element to facilitate its implementation. A copy of the approved Housing Element can be found at: planning.lacounty.gov/housing.

Finally, the staff continued to develop the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the unincorporated areas of the County. The staff is currently developing a draft CCAP, which will be available for public review in January 2014. Information on the CCAP can be found at: planning.lacounty.gov/ccap.

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than April 7, 2014. Should you have any questions regarding the General Plan Update, Housing Element Update, or CCAP, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, or the proposed implementing ordinances for hillside management and the SEAs, please contact Susan Tae at (213) 974-6476 or stae@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions regarding the proposed rural zones, please contact Bruce Durbin at (213) 974-6432 or bdurbin@planning.lacounty.gov.

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Los Angeles County
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January 5, 2015

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Antelope Valley Area Plan Update

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On October 8, 2014, the Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) held a public hearing to conduct a consistency review of the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update with the Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Plan (ALUP) and the General William J. Fox Airfield Land Use Compatibility Plan (Fox ALUCP). After hearing a presentation from ALUC staff, ALUC closed the public hearing and found the project consistent with the adopted ALUP and Fox ALUCP.

On November 12, 2014, the Board conducted a public hearing on the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update. After hearing testimony from approximately 15 persons, the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing, certify the EIR and associated documents, and indicate intent to approve the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update with changes as recommended by staff and made during the public hearing.

More information on the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update effort can be accessed at the following link: planning.lacounty.gov/tnc.

General Plan Update

During this quarter, the Department continued its efforts to complete the General Plan Update. The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) held two hearings on the General Plan Update. On October 8, 2014, the RPC discussed the Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) Program and took the SEA Ordinance off calendar to allow for additional stakeholder outreach. Staff also presented an overview of the fiscal impact analysis for the General Plan Update. On December 10, 2014, the RPC approved the General Plan Update and the Final EIR. Furthermore, on December 10, 2014, the ALUC held a public hearing to conduct a consistency review and found the General Plan Update consistent with ALUC policies.

More information on the General Plan Update can be found at the following link: planning.lacounty.gov/generalplan.

Other Efforts Related to Rural Issues

During this quarter, the Department continued work on the Renewable Energy Ordinance Project with the preparation of the Draft EIR and revised Draft Ordinance. The Draft EIR is anticipated to be available for public review in spring 2015. On November 5, 2014, the Department presented the Renewable Energy Ordinance Project to the RPC as a discussion item. The presentation included an overview of the project, as well as issues and concerns heard from the community to date. No public comments or RPC action were taken that day.

The Department also continued to support efforts by the County Arts Commission for a placemaking art grant in the communities of Sun Village and Littlerock. At the request of the Arts Commission staff, staff made a presentation on the Antelope Valley to participants on October 21, 2014.

The Department also provided information for efforts by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority (Metro) for preliminary work associated with an Antelope Valley inland port, and attended agency meetings for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)/Metro Northwest 138 Corridor Improvement Project. The Department also attended a community meeting for the Caltrans/Metro High Desert Corridor Project.

Stakeholder Outreach

During the past quarter, staff continued to reach out to stakeholders to discuss issues of concern in rural communities. Staff met with the following stakeholder groups:

- Endangered Habitats League (October 6, 2014, November 19, 2014)
- Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (October 7, 2014, October 21, 2014)
- Valley Industry & Commerce Association (October 14, 2014)
- Greater Antelope Valley Association of Realtors (October 28, 2014)
- Agua Dulce Town Council (November 5, 2014)
- Oso Town Council (November 13, 2014)
- Antelope Acres Town Council (November 19, 2014)
- Fairmont Town Council (November 20, 2014)

The next quarterly report on rural issues and the General Plan Update will be delivered no later than April 6, 2015.

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Should you have any questions regarding the General Plan Update or the Community Climate Action Plan, please contact Connie Chung at (213) 974-6417 or cchung@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions related to the Antelope Valley Area Plan Update, Hillside Management effort, SEA Program and the Renewable Energy Ordinance, please contact Susan Tae at (213) 974-6476 or stae@planning.lacounty.gov. For questions regarding the proposed rural zones, please contact Bruce Durbin at (213) 974-6432 or bdurbin@planning.lacounty.gov.

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